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<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Application Number</b>	09/912,627
	<b>Filing Date</b>	July 24, 2001
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Boddu et al.
	<b>Art Unit</b>	1616
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Krishnan S. Menon
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	6381-27397

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a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

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In Re Application Of:  
Boddu, et al.

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Group Art Unit  
1616

Title:  
COMPOSITE BIOSORBENT FOR TREATMENT OF HEAVY METAL WASTE STREAMS

TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS

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Request for Continued Examination  
Amendment Transmittal Letter  
Amendment and Response  
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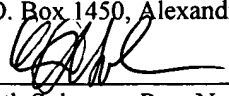
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Group Art Unit 1616

For: COMPOSITE BIOSORBENT FOR  
TREATMENT OF HEAVY METAL WASTE  
STREAMS

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

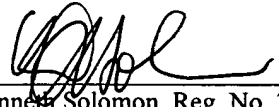
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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TOTAL FEES FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS					\$ .00

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action of March 29, 2004, having a time set to expire of June 29, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks relating thereto:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/ Response** begin on page 7 of this paper.